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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1525

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 11, 2004

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: POW/MIA flag at state buildings.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Alderman

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the POW/MIA flag to be flown with the flags of the United States and Indiana at all facilities operated by the Department of Administration and at interstate highway rest areas. The bill provides that the POW/MIA flag may be flown at State Police posts.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill will require the POW/MIA flag to be flown at properties overseen by the Department of Administration and at interstate highway rest areas when the flags of the United States and state of Indiana are flown. The requirement is estimated to increase state expenditures by about \$8,475 each year.

The bill will impact approximately 349 flag displays at state-operated facilities, including the 38 rest areas on the state's interstate highways. The Department of Veterans' Affairs reports that a 3' X 5' POW/MIA flag costs about \$10. Due to wear and tear, flags that are flown year-round are replaced every four to six months. The cost of flying the POW/MIA flag year-round is estimated to be about \$8,475 each year.

Background Information: The POW/MIA flag is currently flown at the Statehouse and the state's highway rest stops on Memorial Day and, beginning on the third Friday each September, for the number of days equal to the number of Indiana MIAs from the Vietnam War. In 2004, the flag was flown for 59 days.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Administration; Department of Transportation; State Police.

Local Agencies Affected:

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